

*Express bus service from Quilon to Shenocotta.*

73. \* **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon cum Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to authorities to run an express bus service from Quilon to Shenocotta?

**Mr. E. G. Salter**: Yes.

*Express service on the Alwaye-Parur road.*

74. \* **Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a State Transport bus stationed at Alwaye for express service exclusively on the Alwaye-Parur Road;

(b) whether it is now used only as a feeder to the express service between Alwaye and Kottayam; and

(c) whether in view of the want of an adequate number of private buses running on the Alwaye-Parur line, the State Transport bus above referred to cannot be used to have further shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur.

**Mr. E. G. Salter**: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is considered that the number of privately owned vehicles operating between Alwaye and Parur is adequate for the traffic demand.

*State Transport.*

75. \* **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai** (*Thovala cum Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buses that are allowed to run from Nagercoil to Trivandrum and *vice versa* each day;

(b) the number of passengers that they carry per day;

(c) does the Transport Department maintain any register showing the particulars of the breakdowns of buses each day, and if so, particulars of such breakdowns for the last three months;

(d) what is the method adopted by the department for giving reliefs to the passengers stranded owing to such breakdowns;

(e) where there are any qualified Mechanical Engineers appointed to manage, supervise and control the Workshop Department;

(f) whether any periodical checking of the store and stock department is conducted by any competent authority;

(g) the number of times during which ordinary buses are used to carry express bus passengers during the last 3 months from Nagercoil to Trivandrum and *vice versa*;